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SUBJECT: Issues for Transition Briefing Papers

The issues below will need to be addressed by the incoming Administration within the first 90 days of taking office.

1. China. An interagency review of next steps in US-PRC relations will be needed with particular emphasis upon defense cooperation (e.g. arms sales), US policy toward China's modernization program (e.g. technical assistance, GATT membership, development loans, etc.), and the Taiwan issue (FX sales, adjustments in our dealings with CCNAA, etc.). In addition, we will face certain operational questions such as the timing of our submission of the US-PRC Consular Convention to the Senate for ratification.

2. Japan. [redacted] B1,A5

3. Korea. Assuming that the Kim Dae Jung case will be resolved before January 20, the new ~~Administration will need~~ to decide whether to:

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-- Undertake a review of US troop withdrawal plans in 1981 as foreseen by the Carter Administration;

-- Reschedule Security Consultative Meetings between US and ROK Defense Ministers (in abeyance since last April).

4. Indochina and Southeast Asia. [redacted] 1B1, A15

5. Indonesia. Re-invite President Suharto to make a state visit to the US in 1981. The new Administration will need to reconfirm this Carter Administration action early, but can defer selection of an appropriate date.*

* NOTE: There are a variety of resource issues that need to be addressed quickly. For example, we believe the aid and FMS requests for Indonesia need to be increased. But these individual issues should be addressed within the context of a more general review of FY-82 aid and FMS levels.

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